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ISLAMIC EXTREMISM IN NORTHERN AFRICA

"Case Study: Nigeria and Boko Haram"

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 6:30PM

Moritz College of Law
Romo 352 - Drinko Hall
The Ohio State University

No registration necessary.

Overview

This event will feature three panelists: Christopher Preble of the CATO Institute, and Kelechi Kalu and Ousman M. Kobo of The Ohio State University, who will discuss the rise of Islamic extremism in Northern Africa, with an emphasis on Nigeria and Boko Haram.

Panelists

Christopher Preble is vice president for defense and foreign policy studies at the CATO Institute. He is the author of *The Power Problem: How American Military Dominance Makes Us Less Safe, Less Prosperous and Less Free* (Cornell University Press, 2009), which documents the enormous costs of America's military power, and proposes a new grand strategy to advance U.S. security; and *John F. Kennedy and the Missile Gap* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2004), which explores the political economy of military spending during the 1950s and early 1960s. For a complete bio, see his [CATO Institute page](#).



Kelechi Kalu is associate provost for global strategies and international affairs, and professor of African and African American Studies at The Ohio State University. He specializes in African and Third World politics, development and underdevelopment studies, globalization, ethnic politics and state formation in Africa, as well as the political economy of foreign relations. Kalu is author of *Economic Development and Foreign Policy* (Edwin Mellen Press, 2000). He is editor of and contributor to *Agenda Setting and Public Policy in Africa* (Aldershot, 2004). Most recently he published *West Africa and the U.S. War on Terror* (Routledge, 2012), edited with George Kieh and based on a 2009 Mershon Center conference. For a complete bio, see his [Mershon Center faculty page](#).



Ousman M. Kobo is associate professor of history at The Ohio State University. His research and teaching interests include 20th century West African social and religious history; contemporary Islamic history; Sufism; French and British colonialism in Africa; and the social history of West African migrants in the United States. Kobo's book, *Unveiling Modernity in Twentieth-Century West African Islamic Reforms* (Brill, 2012), documents the histories of contemporary Islamic reforms associated with Wahhabism in Ghana and Burkina Faso. For a complete bio, see his [Mershon Center faculty page](#).



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